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I'M INNOCENT, I TELL YOU! HOW COULD I KILL A MAN ON MARS WHEN NO EARTHMAN HAS EVER BEEN HERE BEFORE?
NEPTUNE
MERCURY
URANUS
PLUTO

Binky asks "WHAT DO You KNOW ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE?"

IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL BEING WITH YOU THESE PAST FEW WEEKS. I'VE LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT AMERICA...

SURE, COSETTE, YOU CAN TELL YOUR FRIENDS IN FRANCE ALL ABOUT OUR BIG BUILDINGS AND ELECTRIC GADGETS AND...

OH, NO, BINKY! THEY KNOW ABOUT THOSE THINGS. I'M GOING TO TELL THEM ABOUT THE WAY YOU LIVE. THEY'LL BE AS SURPRISED AS I WAS.

"...WHEN I TELL THEM HOW THE FAMILY DISCUSSES THINGS."

WAIT A SECOND, LUCY! LET ALLERGY GIVE **HIS** SIDE OF THE STORY!

"... HOW LUCY TAKES CHARGE WHEN MRS. BIGGS HAS TO GO TO A SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING..."

HMMM...THIS IS ALMOST AS GOOD AS MOM'S, LUCY!

"... AND HOW WE ALL WENT TO CHURCH TOGETHER AND LATER TO A PICNIC..."

BUT -- BUT WHAT'S SO SURPRISING ABOUT THOSE THINGS? DON'T YOU HAVE ALL THAT IN FRANCE?

YES -- BUT I HAD A DIFFERENT PICTURE OF ***AMERICAN*** FAMILIES!

YOU SEE, BINKY, PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES SOMETIMES HAVE FUNNY IDEAS ABOUT EACH OTHER.

WE KEEP FORGETTING THAT EVEN DIFFERENT PEOPLE ARE OFTEN PRETTY MUCH ALIKE IN THE THINGS THAT MAKE FOR HAPPINESS.

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, POP! COME TO THINK OF IT, MAYBE ***I*** HAVE A FEW FUNNY IDEAS ABOUT PEOPLE IN OTHER COUNTRIES, TOO!

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The LAST TIME I SAW EARTH!

BY AN UNUSUAL TWIST OF FATE, THE DESTINY OF EARTH RESTED IN THE HANDS AND BRILLIANT MIND OF ONE MAN -- *THE* ONE MAN WHO, OF ALL CREATURES IN THE UNIVERSE, HAD *MOST* CAUSE TO HATE THE THREATENED PLANET!
FOR THE SUPREME SOLAR COUNCIL HAD LONG BEFORE CONDEMNED DR. STEPHEN WARD TO A TERRIBLE DOOM-SENTENCED HIM TO A LIVING DEATH ABOARD A TINY SPACESHIP PRISON THAT CIRCLED ENDLESSLY THROUGH THE COSMIC VOID!
AND, IRONICALLY ENOUGH, ONLY STEPHEN WARD'S ESCAPE FROM THIS PRISON-SHIP GAVE EARTH A CHANCE FOR SURVIVAL!

GOT TO GET THIS DOOR CLOSED -- SHUT MYSELF IN HERE AND CONTACT EARTH -- WARN IT OF ITS DREADFUL PERIL!

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ON THE RAYSHIP ***AURORA***, A NEW SOLAR PATROL LIEUTENANT IS BRIEFED ON ONE IMPORTANT DUTY...

YOU'RE YOUNG, RAMSEY! YOU MAY NOT EVEN HAVE HEARD OF ***STEPHEN WARD***--THE ONE AND ONLY PASSENGER ON THIS SHIP!

STEPHEN WARD? ER--NO, SIR!

LISTEN HARD, RAMSEY! STEPHEN WARD HAS BEEN ON THE ***AURORA*** FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS! WHAT'S MORE, HE'LL STAY HERE TILL THE DAY HE DIES...

"JUST 20 YEARS AGO, WARD WAS THE MOST FAMOUS SCIENTIST ON EARTH--A NUCLEAR EXPERT! BUT HE MADE ONE MISTAKE--A SERIOUS ONE..."

DR. WARD, THE EARTH COUNCIL WANTS YOU TO MAKE A MORE POWERFUL NUCLEAR BOMB--TO SAFEGUARD EARTH FROM INVASION!

WAR! WAR! WON'T WE EVER HAVE A MOMENT'S PEACE ON EARTH? SOMETIMES I WISH I HAD NEVER BEEN BORN ON THIS PLANET!

I'M HOUNDED NIGHT AND DAY TO DEVISE GREATER DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONS! I'D BE BETTER OFF IF I'D NEVER SEEN OR HEARD OF EARTH!

DR. WARD, YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT!

"AT HIS TRIAL, WARD REFUSED TO RECANT! THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT HANDED DOWN A SIMPLE BUT DREADFUL SENTENCE..."

...SO LONG AS YOU LIVE, STEPHEN WARD, YOU SHALL NEVER AGAIN SEE EARTH, YOUR HOMELAND, OR EVEN HEAR ITS NAME!

BAH! THAT SUITS ME FINE, MR. PRESIDENT!

"PROUD AND UNREPENTANT, WARD WAS PLACED ON THE ***AURORA***--MY SHIP! I ASSIGNED HIM TO A CABIN--THEN ADDRESSED MY CREW..."

MEN, THESE ARE COUNCIL ORDERS! YOU WILL ***NEVER*** SPEAK OF EARTH--OR OF ANY OCCURRENCE ON IT--WHILE IN THE HEARING OF OUR PASSENGER! IS THAT CLEAR?

YES, SIR!

DR. WARD E 47C2

"ON HIS CABIN, WARD GREW RESTLESS FOR NEWS! HE TURNED ON HIS RADIO..."

THEY FORGOT I CAN HEAR ABOUT EARTH IF I WANT TO--BY THIS RADIO!

NOW HERE IS NEWS OF XBLLXKRK KR-KR-KR!

JBKR ESSKR GSSRRSSS... CLICK!

THE PROGRAMS MUST BE FILTERED BY A ROBOT BRAIN IN THIS SET! IT AUTOMATICALLY SCRAMBLES ANY NEWS THAT REFERS TO EARTH!

"ONCE WHEN WE HAD TO PASS CLOSE TO EARTH ON A REFUELING MISSION..."

I'LL FOOL THEM THIS TIME! WE'RE PASSING MARS--IN A FEW MOMENTS I'LL BE ABLE TO LOOK AT EARTH--HUH?

CREAK!

"A SIMPLE MAGNET OPERATED BY RADAR CLOSED THE SHUTTERS OUTSIDE HIS SPACEVIEW JUST BEFORE EARTH CAME INTO SIGHT!"

SO...THEY'VE THOUGHT OF THAT TOO! WELL, I--I CAN LIVE WITHOUT SEEING EARTH! I'M NOT MISSING MUCH ANYWAY!

CLANK!

"WARD ALWAYS KEPT TO HIMSELF. UNTIL ONE DAY, WHEN I WAS ON THE BRIDGE..."

EH? MY CONTROLS DON'T WORK--

CAPTAIN PACKER! A METEOR HAS JUST SMASHED THROUGH THE JET SHELL INTO THE MAIN POWER PILE!

"I RAN AFT TO THE STRICKEN AREA! THE SITUATION COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE SERIOUS..."

THE PILE IS RUNNING WILD! THAT RADIATION WILL KILL US IN TWO MINUTES! CLOSE THE SAFETY LOCKS!

YES, SIR!

"WE SEALED OFF THE DANGER... BUT THE SHIP WAS HELPLESS WITHOUT POWER..."

OUR OXYGEN IS FAILING --AND WE CAN'T EVEN RADIO FOR HELP! MEN, THERE ISN'T A CHANCE FOR US...

MAYBE THERE IS, CAPTAIN--

PILE

LET ME INTO THAT PILE ROOM! I KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT ATOMIC ENGINES AND I MAY BE ABLE TO FIX THIS ONE!

YOU'RE MAD, WARD! IN TWO MINUTES YOU'D BE DEAD!

PILE ROOM

"WARD INSISTED! I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ALLOW HIM HIS WAY..."

STAND BACK EVERYBODY! CLOSE THE LOCK AFTER ME--INSTANTLY!

THIS IS THE MADDEST--OR THE BRAVEST THING I'VE EVER SEEN!

"THROUGH A LEAD-GLASS WALL WE WATCHED HIM IN THAT HISSING INFERNO OF LETHAL RADIATION..."

LOOK AT THE WAY HIS HANDS GO AT THAT PILE--LIKE SPACE-LIGHTNING!

"IN EXACTLY ONE MINUTE AND FORTY SECONDS, OUR PASSENGER STAGGERED OUT--BARELY ALIVE..."

YOUR PILE'S FIXED, CAPTAIN!...BUT KEEP AWAY FROM ME! I'LL MAKE IT TO MY CABIN!

"WARD RECOVERED! ON THE BASIS OF HIS ACTION, I SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR HIS PARDON! IT WAS REJECTED..."

WARD MUST HATE EARTH WORSE THAN EVER NOW! THEREFORE, HE MUST BE WATCHED--CAREFULLY!

I UNDERSTAND, SIR!

MYSTERY IN SPACE

FROM THE DIARY OF LT. PAUL RAMSEY:

-DIARY-
this has been the most exciting week of my life! It began the moment I brought some newspapers into our prisoner's cabin...

DID YOU MAKE SURE ALL THE ITEMS DEALING WITH EARTH ARE CLIPPED OUT AS USUAL, LIEUTENANT?

"SUDDENLY... THROUGH THE SPACE-VIEW GLASS WE SAW A FEARSOME SIGHT..."

A STRANGE BATTLEROCKET!

COMING STRAIGHT AT US--OUT OF THAT SPACE MIST!

"AT THAT MOMENT... IN THE CAPTAIN'S BRIDGE..."

AURORA! STAND BY TO BE BOARDED!

START EVASION TACTICS! QUICKLY!

"THE **AURORA** SOUGHT TO ESCAPE ITS GIANT ATTACKER-- BUT WE HAD NO CHANCE..."

WE'RE BEING FORCED DOWN--ON NEPTUNE'S MOON! AND THEY'RE JAMMING OUR RADIO SIGNALS, CAPTAIN--

"WE COULD NOT EVEN GET THROUGH A WARNING TO THE SECTOR PATROL BASE! ON THE GROUND WE WERE RAPIDLY OVERPOWERED..."

WHOEVER YOU ARE-- I PROTEST THIS **ACT OF WAR!**

YOUR PROTEST WILL BE PUT ON FILE, CAPTAIN!

"WE SOON FOUND THAT THE ALIEN CREATURES--WHO HAD SOMEHOW MASTERED OUR LANGUAGE--WERE INTERESTED IN ONLY ONE OF US..."

YES, I AM STEPHEN WARD, BUT--

YOU WILL COME WITH ME! ALL OTHERS REMAIN HERE!

"WHAT HAPPENED NEXT, WE LEARNED FROM WARD LATER! HE WAS WHISKED AWAY IN A SMALL SPACE-CUTTER..."

THESE CREATURES HAVE ATOMIC ENGINES EQUAL TO ANYTHING I'VE SEEN! BUT WHERE ARE THEY TAKING ME?

"WE SOON SAW! BENEATH HIM, A GREAT FLAT DISK--LIKE AN ENORMOUS PANCAKE--LOOMED INTO VIEW..."

THAT IS THE SPACE STATION HEADQUARTERS OF THE GREAT **ZHAN!** HIS MIGHTINESS AWAITS US IN THE **ZHAN-DOME**...

"THE **ZHAN-DOME** PROVED TO BE A HEAVILY-ARMORED, METAL HEMISPHERE...AND INSIDE IT..."

WELCOME, DR. WARD! EVEN IN OUR FAR-OFF GALAXY XII, WE HEARD OF YOUR CRUEL IMPRISONMENT BY EARTH--AND PLANNED TO FREE YOU AS SOON AS WE ARRIVED HERE!

YOU WILL BE PLACED IN CHARGE OF EARTH--AS MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE--IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CENTERS OF RESISTANCE HAVE BEEN CRUSHED!

RESISTANCE--CRUSHED?

"LANGUIDLY, THE **ZHAN** SNAPPED ON A VID-SCREEN...TO REVEAL AN AWESOME SPECTACLE..."

IN **ONE HOUR** MY INVINCIBLE ROCKET LEGIONS WILL HAVE STRUCK EARTH IN A SURPRISE ATTACK! ALL WHO RESIST WILL DIE!

MYSTERY IN SPACE

AND NATURALLY YOUR NUCLEAR GENIUS WILL BE AT OUR DISPOSAL, DR. WARD!

SO THAT'S THE BARGAIN? WELL, I CAN GIVE YOU MY ANSWER NOW--

"IN A SURPRISE ATTACK OF HIS OWN, WARD STRUCK WITH THE FEROCITY OF A VENUSIAN TICAT!"

HELP, GUARDS!

A PARALO-GUN--- AND IT WORKS FINE!

BRRR!

"THE DARING SCIENTIST LOCKED HIMSELF IN THE ZHAN-DOME--BARELY IN TIME..."

UNN! I'M HIT--A GLANCING SHOT--BUT I CAN STILL MOVE--

"THE HEAVY ARMOR OF THE DOME AIDED WARD NOW--PREVENTING THE ZHAN'S MINIONS FROM GAINING ENTRANCE..."

G-GETTING NUMB! BUT I CAN STILL MOVE MY FINGERS.. AND--ALTHOUGH IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME--I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN MY SPACE MORSE EITHER!

"IRONICALLY, THE ZHAN'S OWN TRANSMITTER SPELLED OUT HIS DOOM--IN A MESSAGE THAT FLASHED ACROSS MILLIONS OF MILES..."

WARNING! ENEMY FLEET ON WAY! WARNING!

COLONEL--ALERT ALL SPACE FORCES AT ONCE!

"FROM A HUNDRED ROCKET HANGARS, THE SPACE EAGLES OF EARTH ROSE TO DEFEND THEIR HOMELAND..."

GOT 'EM ON OUR RADARSCOPE--AT 280,000 FEET!

LET'S GO UP AND GIVE THEM A **WARM WELCOME**, SKIPPER!

"INSTEAD OF EARTH, IT WAS THE **ZHAN'S** ROCKET LEGIONS WHO WERE TAKEN BY SURPRISE--AND ANNIHILATED!"

CRACK!

KOOOO!

"AFTER THE BATTLE, AN EARTH TASK FORCE SPEEDILY TRACKED DOWN THE MYSTERIOUS MESSAGE-SENDER..."

WHO IS THIS MAN?

BEATS ME, SKIPPER! BUT WHOEVER HE IS--HE SAVED THE EARTH!

"WITH THE **ZHAN** HIMSELF IMPRISONED, THE DANGER WAS OVER--BUT ON THE **AURORA** TWO DAYS LATER..."

I'M GOING FAST, CAPTAIN PACKER! COULD I--WILL I--SEE EARTH--?

YOU WILL! YOUR **FULL PARDON** WAS RADIOED TO US TEN MINUTES AGO, DR. WARD...

"AT LONG LAST HE SAW EARTH AGAIN--BIG AND GREEN AND **BEAUTIFUL!** AND AS HE KEPT STARING AT IT HE CLOSED HIS EYES FOR THE **LAST TIME...**"

CAPTAIN STEPHEN WARD DIDN'T HATE EARTH--HE **LOVED IT!**

MORE THAN ANY OF US, RAMSEY--MORE THAN ALL OF US PUT TOGETHER!

The End

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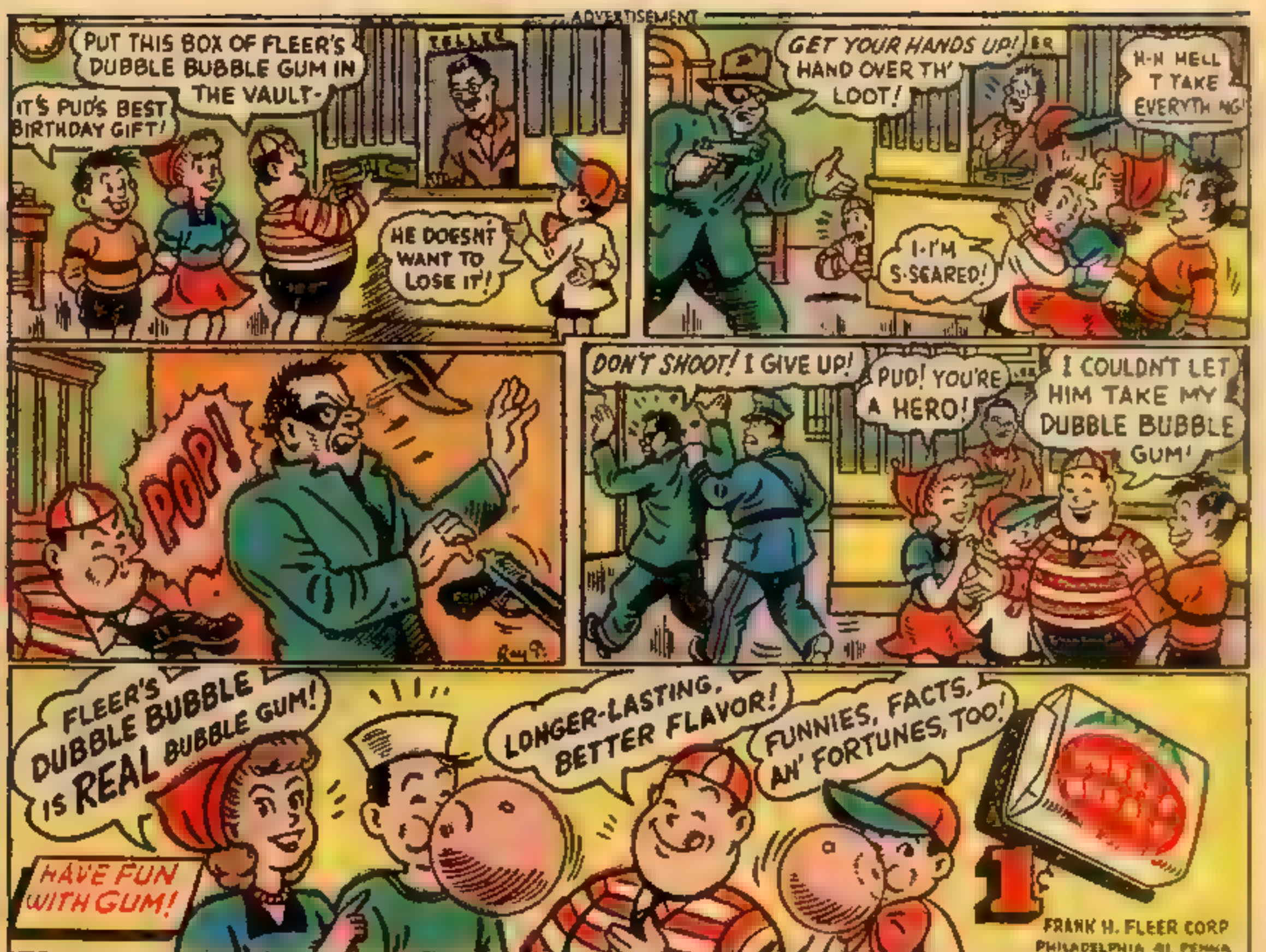
PUT THIS BOX OF FLEER'S DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM IN THE VAULT-
IT'S PUD'S BEST BIRTHDAY GIFT!
HE DOESN'T WANT TO LOSE IT!
GET YOUR HANDS UP! HAND OVER TH' LOOT!
H-N HELL T TAKE EVERYTH NG!
I-I'M S-SCARED!
POP!
DON'T SHOOT! I GIVE UP!
PUD! YOU'RE A HERO!
I COULDN'T LET HIM TAKE MY DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM!
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WHICH DREAM WILL YOU SELECT, SIR?

GOSH! I DON'T KNOW! THEY ALL LOOK EXCITING TO ME!

"MONSTER ON MARS!"

"SP E NESS!"

"GHC

Program

AT THE START OF THE 21ST CENTURY, EARTHMEN HAVE CONQUERED SPACE AND HARDY ADVENTURERS ARE JOURNEYING TO THE STARS IN SEARCH OF NEW THRILLS! BUT THOSE WHO CANNOT ENDURE THE RIGORS OF SPACE TRAVEL ARE FORCED TO REMAIN BEHIND ON EARTH--AND ONLY *DREAM* OF ADVENTURES ON OTHER WORLDS!

IN THE CAPITOL OF THE EARTH FEDERATION, THE FIRST SUMMER OF THE 21ST CENTURY..

MY VACATION RELEASE CAME THROUGH TODAY! I'M HEADING FOR JUPITER TO HUNT WILD *QUIGLOPES!*

NOT ME! I'M GOING TO MARS, TO SWIM AND FISH IN THE CANALS!

HEY, BOB, WHAT PLANET ARE YOU-- OHH! SORRY, I FORGOT!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT! EVERYONE ISN'T LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO TRAVEL THROUGH SPACE TO OTHER WORLDS!

MYSTERY IN SPACE

BUT JUST BECAUSE MY BODY CAN'T STAND THE GRAVITY ACCELERATION OF A SPACE-SHIP'S TAKEOFF DOESN'T MEAN I'M GOING TO **STAY** ON EARTH! I'M HEADING FOR A ***DREAM-O-VISION*** THEATER!

"IN ONE OF THOSE THEATERS, WHILE YOU RECLINE ON A CUSHIONED LOUNGE, DREAM-MOVIES ARE FED YOUR SLEEPING MIND. THE BEST PART OF THE ***DREAM-O-VISION*** IS THAT THE DREAMER EXPERIENCES ALL THE THRILLS OF ADVENTURES ON OTHER WORLDS!"

AND SO THE NEXT DAY, BOB CARLIN HURRIES TO A ***DREAM-O-VISION*** THEATER...

HAVE YOU SELECTED YOUR DREAM ADVENTURE FROM OUR FILES, SIR?

DREAM CHART

MAKE SELECTION AN
INFORM USHERETTE

NIGHT ON MARS	IMPRISONED ON ANTARES
WAR IN SPACE	HUNTING ON SATURN
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	OUTER SPACE

YES! I'M TAKING "IMPRISONED ON ANTARES!"

THIS WAY, PLEASE...

AS THE DREAM REELS GRIND, BOB FINDS HIMSELF TRANSPLANTED MENTALLY TO A WORLD MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED LIGHT YEARS AWAY...

WHERE-- WHERE AM I?

YES--I REMEMBER! I'M IN PRISON-- A CAPTURED WAR HERO OF THE ANTARAN PEOPLE! I'M TO BE EXECUTED TOMORROW-- AT DAWN!

I'VE BEEN TALKING IN CODE WITH THE PRISONER IN THE NEXT CELL. WE'VE WORKED OUT A PLAN TO ESCAPE...

DIT-A-DAT-DAT

FOR DAYS WE'VE BEEN CHIPPING AWAY AT THE OLD MORTAR AROUND THESE STONE BLOCKS! THEY'RE READY TO BE LIFTED OUT NOW--

AT THIS VERY MOMENT, MY FRIEND IS ALSO ESCAPING FROM HIS CELL! WE'RE GOING TO MEET IN THE GUARD ROOM! ONCE WE GET WEAPONS, WE'LL FIGHT OUR WAY BACK TO OUR OWN CAMP!

THE HATED WHEEL-MEN! THE DICTATOR USES THEM TO HOLD THE PEOPLE IN SLAVERY!

A PRISON BREAK! STOP HIM!

IF MY FRIEND IN THE NEXT CELL CAN ONLY HOLD THE FAR DOOR, WE'LL OVERCOME THEM ALL--GRAB THEIR WEAPONS--AND ESCAPE! I ONLY HOPE HE CAN PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT!

A SUDDEN CRY OF DESPAIR BOLTS THE ESCAPING PRISONER INTO FRENZIED ACTION...

CAN'T HOLD THEM OFF--THEY'RE TOO MUCH FOR ME...

I WOULD PICK A *WEAKLING* TO HELP ME!

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GOT TO DO HIS FIGHTING -- AS WELL AS MY OWN!

WAK!

WHEN THE REST OF THE GUARDS HAVE BEEN SUBDUED...

I--I AM SORRY! I TRIED MY BEST TO FIGHT--BUT--

A GIRL! YOUR FACE--I KNOW YOU!

YOU'RE DELLA-VO, PRINCESS OF ANTARES!

YES! NOW I MUST RETURN TO MY PEOPLE AND HELP THEM IN THEIR FIGHT TO OVERTHROW THE DICTATOR OF ANTARES!

WE WILL FIGHT TOGETHER, DELLA-VO--SIDE BY SIDE!

ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END--EVEN THE DREAM IN WHICH BOB CARLIN WINS THE HAND OF LOVELY DELLA-VO, PRINCESS OF ANTARES, AND HELPS IN THE VICTORIOUS FIGHT AGAINST THE EVIL DICTATOR...

HOW LIFE-LIKE IT WAS! EVEN IF IT WAS A DREAM, I PLAYED THE PART OF A HERO--A ROLE I'LL NEVER GET A CHANCE TO PLAY IN REAL LIFE!

Coming Attractions

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH EVERYBODY? WHAT ARE THEY ALL EXCITED ABOUT? AND--WHAT ARE THEY STARING AT?

DREAM THEATER

MYSTERY IN SPACE

WHERE HAVE **YOU** BEEN? THAT'S THE SPACE-SHIP FROM DENEB!

IT'S ALREADY BLASTED PARIS AND CHICAGO! IT TRAVELS AROUND THE EARTH, CALLING ON US TO SURRENDER OR FACE ANNIHILATION!

I MUST HAVE ARRIVED WHEN I WAS IN THE ***DREAM-O-VISION*** THEATER!

"WE SENT OUR BEST ROCKET FIGHTERS AND BOMBERS AGAINST IT... BUT IT SHOT THEM ALL DOWN!"

"THE SPACE-STATIONS THAT REVOLVE ARCJND THE EARTH DROPPED ATOM BOMBS, BJT THEY COULDN'T HURT IT!"

THE NEXT MOMENT, BOB CARLIN RACES BACK TO THE EARTH FEDERATION CAPITOL AND HIS DESK...

ACCORDING TO THESE SCIENTIFIC REPORTS OF THAT ALIEN SHIP, IT MOVES ALWAYS WITH THE SUN. SPECTROSCOPIC ANALYSIS OF ITS INTERIOR REVEALS THE INVADERS BREATHE CARBON DIOXIDE. THEY COME FROM A ROCKY, STONY WORLD... WHICH ADDS UP TO ONLY ONE THING! THOSE BEINGS IN THAT SHIP ARE A FORM OF VEGETABLE LIFE -- HEY! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

WITHIN TWO HOURS, BOB STANDS BEFORE THE EARTH FEDERATION TRIBUNAL...

GENTLEMEN, THERE'S ONLY ONE COURSE OPEN TO US! WE MUST ***SURRENDER--AT ONCE!*** AND THIS IS THE WAY WE MUST DO IT...

EARTH'S SURRENDER IS FLASHED TO THE HOVERING SPACESHIP...

WE HAVE WON! EARTH IS OURS!

MYSTERY IN SPACE

NEXT DAY, NEAR A HASTILY BUILT GRAND-STAND IN FLORIDA...

BELOW IS THE SITE OF THE FORMAL SURRENDER! WE HAVE X-RAYED THE EARTHMEN FOR HIDDEN WEAPONS! THEY HAVE NONE, SO CAN PLAN NO TREACHERY!

SLOWLY THE SHIP LOWERS TO THE GROUND, AND THEN--AS IT TOUCHES THE EARTH--THE SHIP BEGINS TO *SINK!*

KEEP OUT !!

IN A PANIC, THE INVADERS BLAST THEIR JETS AGAIN AND AGAIN--BUT CLOGGED WITH SAND, THEY CAN'T FUNCTION!

A CLEVER SCHEME INDEED, CARLIN--LURING THEM TO LAND IN A--*QUICKSAND BOG!*

COMING FROM A PLANET OF ROCKS AND STONES, I REASONED THEY'D NEVER HEARD OF QUICK-SAND AND WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS--UNTIL TOO LATE!

BUT WHY DIDN'T THEY FIRE AT US? THEY COULD HAVE DE-STROYED US ALL IN REVENGE FOR OUR TRICK!

IN SUCH AN EMERGENCY, ONE THINKS ONLY OF *SELF-PRE-SERVATION!* I FIGURED THEY WOULD CONCENTRATE ALL THEIR EFFORTS ON SAVING THEM-SELVES--NOT WASTE TIME KILLING US! HUMAN BEINGS ARE THE SAME EVERY-WHERE--EVEN IF THEY ARE VEGE-TABLE HUMANS!

AND SO, WHEN VACATION TIME IS OVER...

THE *SOLAR MEDAL OF HONOR!* AND THE BEST PART OF THE STORY IS THAT IT WAS REAL--NOT A DREAM!

HOW ABOUT THAT? *WE* GO OUT INTO SPACE FOR ADVENTURE--BOB STAYS HOME--AND *HE* HAS ALL THE FUN, BESIDES MAKING A HERO OUT OF HIM-SELF!

The End

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OUT OF THIS WORLD by Necco

TO REACH THE MOON A SPEED OF 7 MILES PER SECOND IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO BREAK EARTH'S GRAVITATIONAL PULL.

TO REACH THE TASTIEST CANDY TREAT... SPEED TO YOUR NEAREST STORE FOR DELICIOUS **Necco** WAFERS, THE ORIGINAL SUGAR WAFER CANDY!

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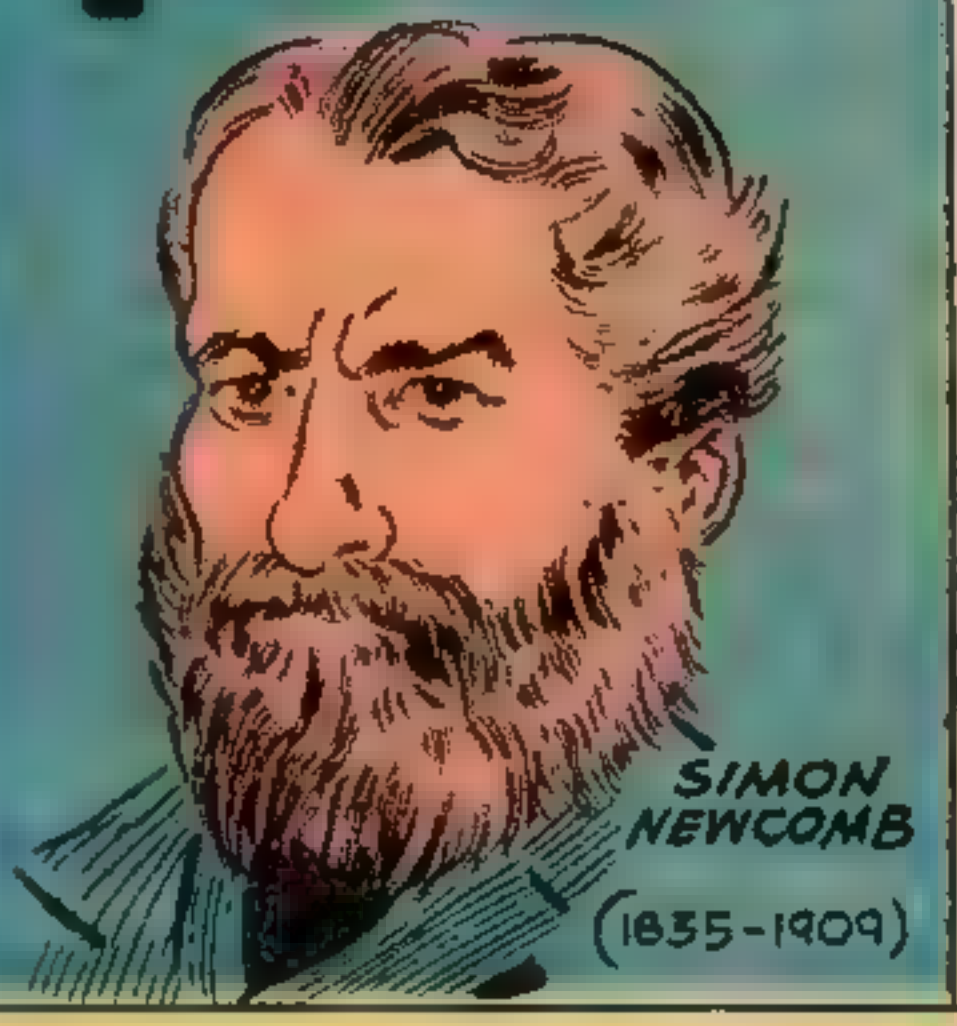


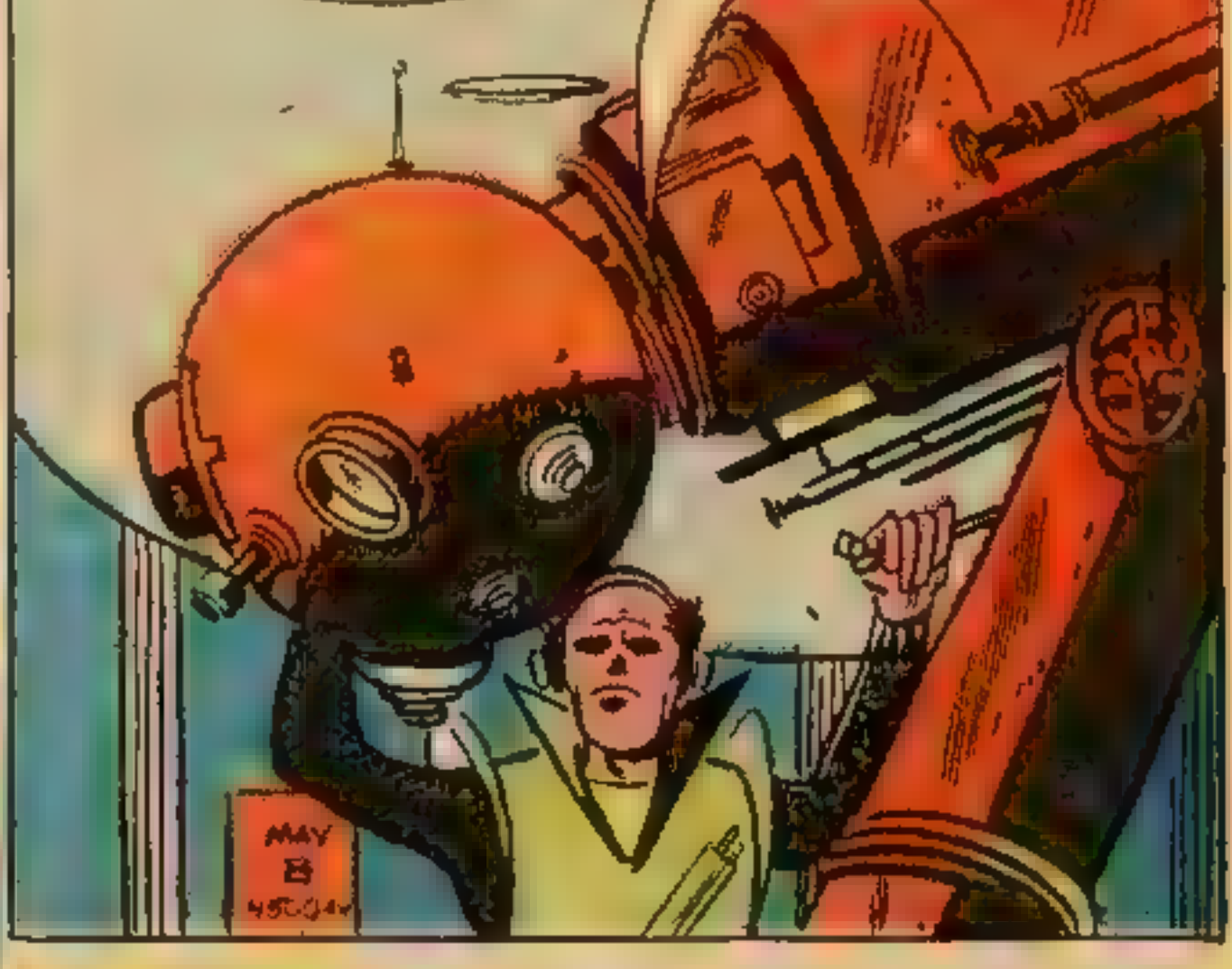
NEWCOMB WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO MAKE OBSERVATIONS OF THE UNKNOWN SATELLITES OF URANUS AND NEPTUNE...

I'M LOOKING FOR A COPY OF SIMON NEWCOMB'S NEW BOOK, "THE URANIUM AND NEPTUNIAN SYSTEMS"!

ANOTHER MYSTERY THAT FASCINATED NEWCOMB WAS THE APPARENT REGULAR OCCURENCE OF SUNSPOTS. ACCORDING TO HIS STUDIES, THE AVERAGE INTERVAL BETWEEN SUCCESSIVE MAXIMUM SUNSPOTS ACTIVITY IS 11.13 YEARS...

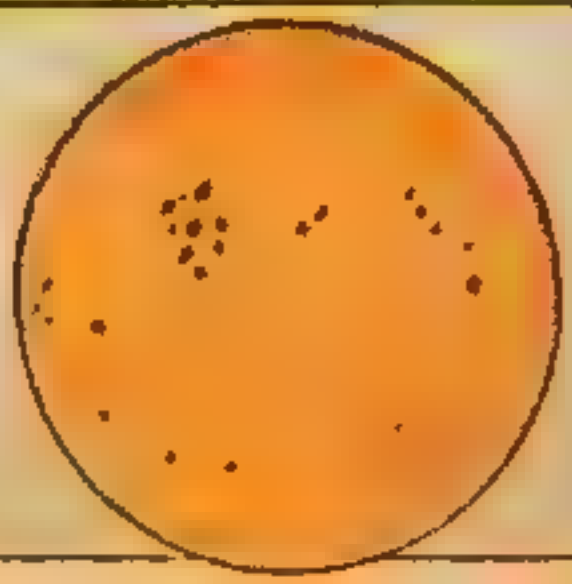
WHILE STUDYING THE MOON'S MOTION, NEWCOMB WAS STARTLED TO DISCOVER THAT ALL PREVIOUS CALCULATIONS WERE IN ERROR. THEREUPON HE MADE HIS OWN COMPUTATIONS AND FORECASTS FOR THE MOON THAT ASTRONOMERS ESTIMATE WILL BE GOOD FOR ANOTHER **2600 YEARS**...

THE MOON IS PRECISELY WHERE NEWCOMB FORECAST IT WOULD BE -- 2600 YEARS AGO!



PUZZLED AS TO THE ORIGIN OF THE ASTEROIDS REVOLVING BETWEEN MARS AND JUPITER, NEWCOMB SPENT LONG HOURS STUDYING THEIR ORBITS...

I HAVE TWO THEORIES TO EXPLAIN THE ORIGIN OF THE ASTEROIDS. FIRST, THEY MIGHT BE THE SHATTERED FRAGMENTS OF AN EXPLODED PLANET; SECOND, THEY WERE FORMED BY THE BREAKING UP OF A REVOLVING RING OF NEBULOUS MATTER!



SUNSPOT MAXIMUM

A LARGE SPOT-GROUP AND MANY SMALLER SPOTS (FROM PHOTOGRAPH BY YERKES OBSERVATORY).

The Cosmic Gamble!

THE DECISION WAS A DIFFICULT ONE TO MAKE! IF THE RIGHT ONE WAS CHOSEN, IT COULD BRING A GOLDEN AGE TO EARTH! BUT IF THE WRONG DECISION WAS MADE, IT MIGHT RESULT IN THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR PLANET! HOLD YOUR BREATHS, FOLKS--A FLIP OF A COIN WILL DECIDE THE ISSUE!

IT CAME SMOCKING OUT OF THE NIGHT SKY ON A SUMMER EVENING, MOVING LIKE SOME NIGHTMARISH BULLET ROCKETING DOWN FROM OUTER SPACE.

MYSTERY IN SPACE

IT SETTLED WITH A SEARING RUSH OF ESCAPING GASES, THE ONLY WITNESS BEING A TERRIFIED FARM BOY...

WITH THE COMING OF DAWN - -

I'LL TELL FATHER! HE'LL GET SHERIFF AKINS!

I KNEW I WASN'T DREAMING! G-GOLLY, SIS! IT'S LIKE THOSE SPACESHIPS I READ ABOUT IN THE MAGAZINES!

ARMY TRANSPORTS FLEW IN NUCLEAR PHYSICISTS, METALLURGISTS AND OTHER SPECIALISTS FROM OAK RIDGE AND BROOKHAVEN.

WITHIN AN HOUR, A DOZEN STATE POLICE CARS SURROUNDED THE GREAT METAL CRAFT...

COME ON, SERGEANT! LET US THROUGH! IT'S THE BIGGEST STORY OF THE YEAR!

SORRY, BOYS! NOBODY ALLOWED CLOSER UNTIL THE SCIENTISTS GET HERE!

WE'LL TRY GAMMA RAYS. THAT MAY ACTIVATE A MECHANISM THAT--

WAIT, IT'S WORKING! A DOOR IN THE HULL-- SLIDING OPEN!

THERE THEY ARE! IN SOME SORT OF SLEEP, PERHAPS A TYPE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION! LET'S GET THEM AWAKE!

WAKEN THEM? DO WE DARE?

THERE WAS AWE ON THE FACES OF THE SCIEN- TISTS AS THEY CROWDED INTO THE METAL SHELL.

OUR FIRST CONTACT WITH LIFE FROM ANOTHER WORLD!

BUT WHERE ARE THE SPACE-TRAVELERS?

MYSTERY IN SPACE

GENTLEMEN, THE WORLD STANDS DIVIDED! DARE WE FREE THESE MEN FROM THE SLEEP INTO WHICH THEY HAVE PLUNGED THEMSELVES? DARE WE RISK THEIR SCIENCE BEING TURNED AGAINST US, TO CONQUER AND ENSLAVE US!

THUS BEGAN THE GREATEST CONTROVERSY OF ALL EARTH'S HISTORY. DEBATE RAGED IN THE UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY...

I SAY, WAKE THEM UP! OFFER THEM A WELCOMING HAND--BID THEM TO EXCHANGE SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE WITH US!

AS POLITICAL TONGUES ROARED AND THUNDERED, THE SCIENTISTS WENT ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS..

THEIR FRUITS CONTAIN EVERY VITAMIN KNOWN! ONE OF THESE A DAY--LIKE THE PROVERBIAL APPLE--WILL KEEP A MAN IN PERFECT HEALTH!

THIS IS A BOOK! WITH MOVING, THREE-DIMENSIONAL FIGURES--SHOWING IN SOUND, MOVEMENT AND COLOR, DISCOVERIES IN SCIENCE AND THE ARTS!

IF ONLY WE KNEW HOW TO MAKE THEIR MECHANISMS WORK, THEY MIGHT UNLOCK THE RIDDLES OF THE COSMOS FOR US!

THEY'RE AS MUCH A MYSTERY TO US AS AN AIRPLANE WOULD BE TO A CAVE MAN!

TEMPORARY "ON THE SPOT" QUARTERS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS DELEGATES WERE ERECTED TO THE SOUND OF ANGRY VOICES...

WAKE THEM UP! WE CAN SMASH THEM WITH A BOMB IF THEY THREATEN US!

SUPPOSE THOSE CREATURES HAVE A RAY THAT CAN HYPNOTIZE US--INSTANTLY? WE WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE!

MYSTERY IN SPACE

THE PROPONENTS FOR WAKING THE ALIENS SPOKE OVER THE TV NETWORKS —

WHY ARE OUR LEADERS DENYING THIS SUDDEN STROKE OF FORTUNE TO THE PEOPLE? WERE THOSE ALIEN BEINGS TO BE AWAKENED A NEW LIFE WOULD DAWN FOR ALL OF US!

ISN'T IT WONDERFUL? NO MORE SICKNESS, NO MORE WARS! EVERYBODY HAVING EVERYTHING HE OR SHE WANTS!

"SPACE-TRAVEL WOULD BE COMMONPLACE! IMAGINE FLYING TO MARS ON **YOUR** NEXT VACATION — "

THEN THE OPPONENTS HAD THEIR INNING..

LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE! AWAKEN THE ALIENS--AND WE'LL BE JEOPARDIZING THE SAFETY OF TWO BILLION EARTHMEN!

"SHOULD THEY PROVE UNFRIENDLY, HOW COULD WE HOPE TO COPE WITH A SCIENTIFIC CULTURE THAT MIGHT EASILY ANNIHILATE OUR WEAPONS OF WAR?"

"CERTAIN MICROWAVES COULD DOMINATE THE WORLD'S POPULATIONS, MAKING MEN AND WOMEN MINDLESS SLAVES OF THE SLEEPERS IN THE SHIP!"

AND THEN, ONE MORNING, THREE WEEKS AFTER THE STRANGERS FROM THE SKY LANDED...

THE WORLD LOOKS TO US, THE UNITED NATIONS, FOR LEADERSHIP! WE HAVE DEBATED UNTIL WORDS NO LONGER HAVE ANY MEANING! WE MUST LEAVE THE DECISION TO--*CHANCE!*

A HUNDRED VOICES ROARED ASSENT...

HEADS--WE AWAKEN THEM! *TAILS*, WE LOCK THE SHIP AND KEEP IT INTACT UNTIL **OUR** SCIENCE IS READY TO COPE WITH THEIR SCIENCE!

BUT EVEN AS THE COIN SPUN LAZILY IN THE AIR, THE GROUND SHOOK, AS WITH A MIGHTY EXPLOSION!

THAT NOISE!

AND THAT FLARE! WHAT IS HAPPENING?

THE SPACE-SHIP! IT'S TAKING OFF!

INSIDE THE VAST SPACE-LINER..

THOSE FOOLS! THINKING WE SLEPT--WHILE WE HAD THEM UNDER INSPECTION ALL THE TIME!

TESTING THEM FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE GALACTIC COUNCIL OF ALLIED WORLDS!

MYSTERY IN SPACE

EVER SINCE THEIR DISCOVERY OF ATOMIC POWER, THEY HAVE BECOME ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE ALLIED WORLDS! FIRST WE HAD TO MAKE A PERSONAL VISIT AND TEST THEM! BUT THEY FAILED!

IMAGINE--ARGUING ABOUT WHETHER THEY SHOULD WAKE US UP! WELL--WE'LL WAIT ANOTHER THOUSAND YEARS, AND THEN RETURN. PERHAPS BY *THAT* TIME, THEY WILL HAVE MATURED ENOUGH TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE FAMILY OF PLANETS!

MEANWHILE, BACK ON EARTH...

THEY'VE GONE! THEY MUST HAVE BEEN AWAKE ALL THE TIME WATCHING *US*!

BUT THE COIN? DID IT FALL HEADS OR TAILS? WHAT WOULD OUR DECISION HAVE BEEN..?

The End

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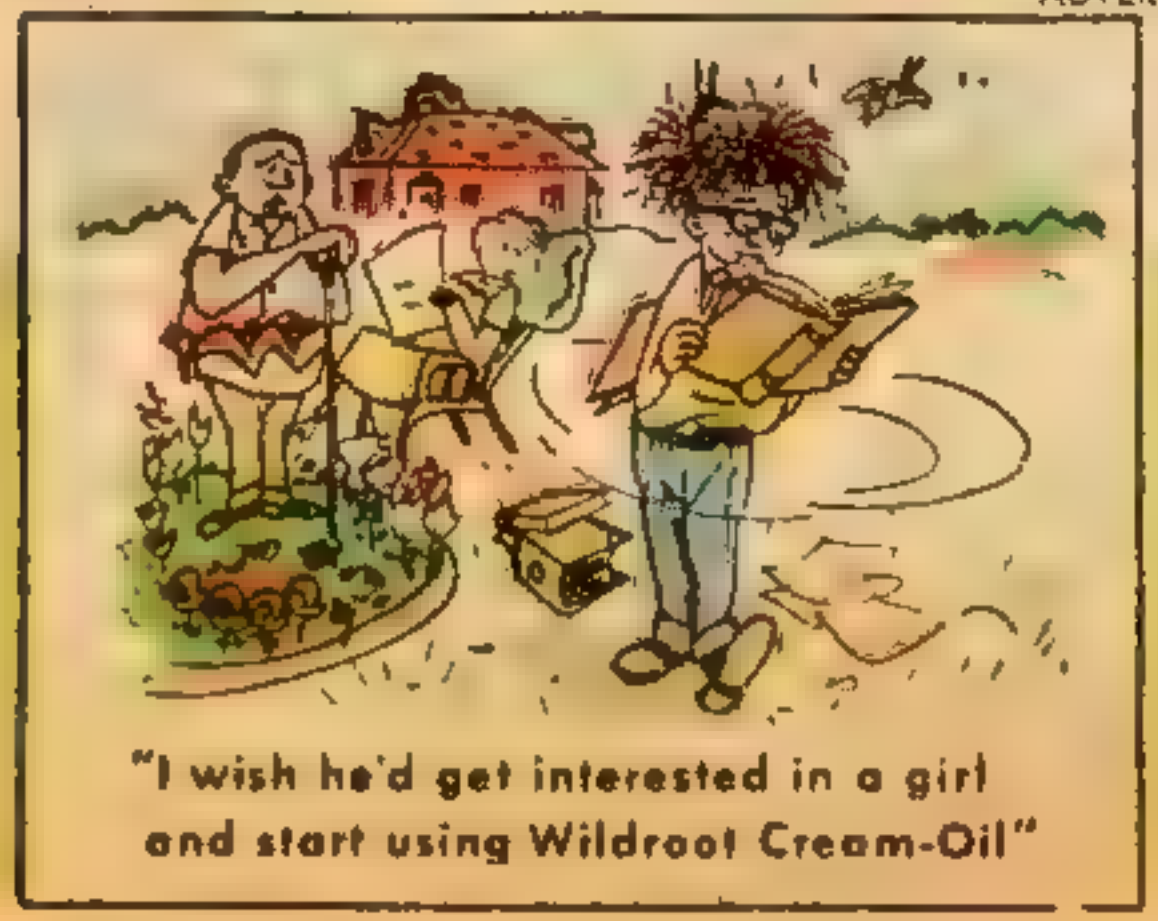

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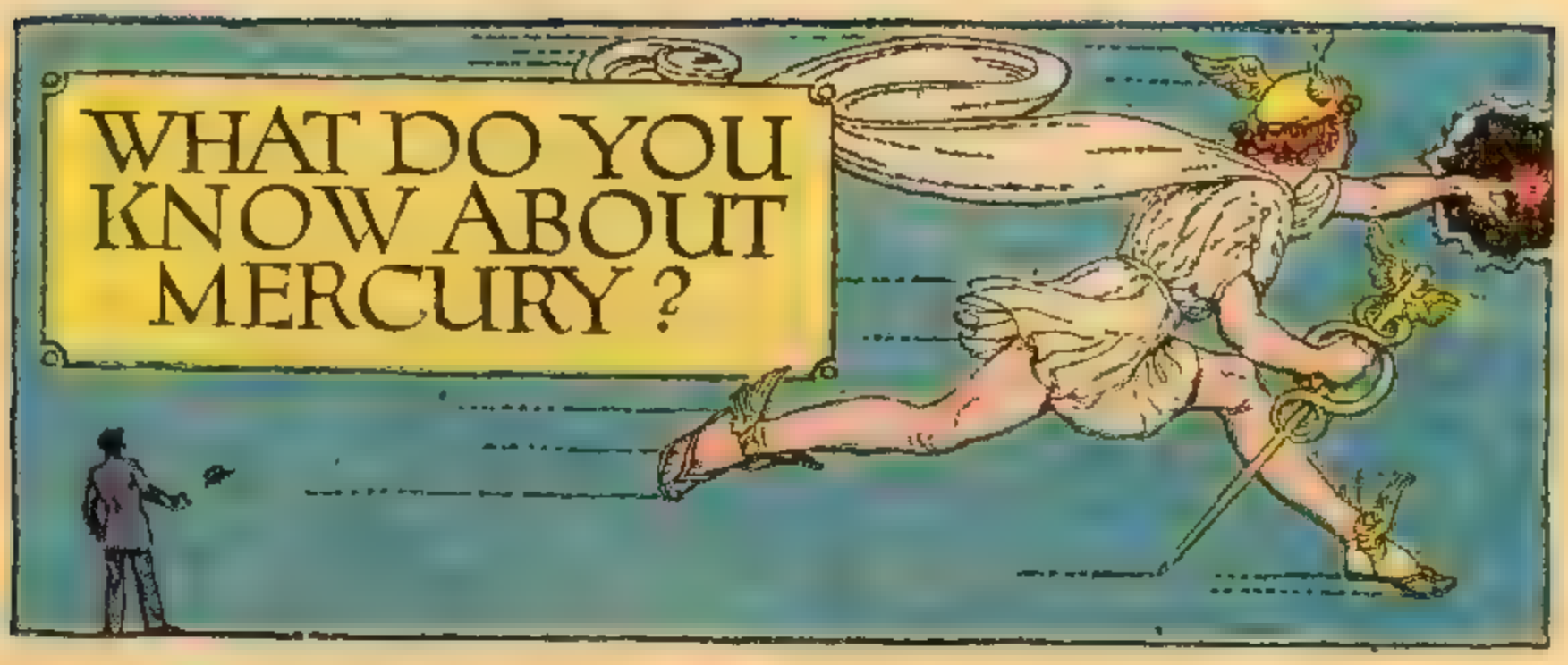

TRUE - FALSE

(Below are 10 astronomical "facts" about the planet Mercury. Select the ones that are completely correct and answer *true*. If you spot any that are all or partly erroneous, answer *false*. For each number correctly answered, credit yourself with 4 points.)

1. Despite the fact that Mercury is the closest planet to the sun, it ranks only fourth in brightness among all the planets of the solar system.

2. Amateur astronomers find Mercury very difficult to spot in the sky because of its small orbit and proximity to the sun.

3. Only the most expert observers have ever been able to detect surface markings on Mercury.

4. Mercury rotates so swiftly on its axis that it always keeps the same face turned toward the sun.

5. Strangely enough, Mercury has the distinction of being simultaneously one of our hottest and coldest planets.

6. One of Mercury's most important contributions to astronomy is its rapidity of motion which made possible the confirming of one of the three astronomical proofs of Einstein's theory of general relativity.

7. Although Mercury is small and near the sun it has an appreciable effect on the orbit of its closest planetary neighbor, Venus.

8. Mercury and Pluto are the only planets with orbits that deviate considerably from circles.

9. Mercury is seen at its best as an evening star in the fall and as a morning star in the spring.

10. Observations of the change of brightness of Mercury with changes of phase suggest that there can be little or no atmosphere, and that the light is reflected from a rough surface, like that of the Earth's moon.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

(Herewith are presented 10 more facts about Mercury. However, only *one* of a trio of statements is correct. Make your choice and take 2 points for each alternate correctly answered.)

1. The number of satellites revolving around Mercury totals (a) zero, (b) one, (c) two.

2. The inhabitants of Mercury—should they exist—celebrate New Year's every 88 (a) days, (b) months, (c) years.

3. During a transit of Mercury, the planet appears as a small (a) red, (b) blue, (c) black speck on the surface of the sun, invisible to the naked eye.

4. The best time to look for Mercury when it is an evening star is about 45 minutes after (a) sunrise, (b) sunset, (c) midnight

5. About (a) 1/8, (b) 3/8, (c) 5/8 of Mercury's surface has perpetual day and an equal area perpetual night.

6. At one point in its orbit, Mercury receives (a) 2, (b) 4, (c) 10 times as much heat and light per unit area as does the Earth.

7. Under the best conditions details on Mercury's surface are hazy and indistinct, but faint permanent markings have been seen closely resembling the naked eye markings on (a) Earth's moon, (b) Mars, (c) Red Spot of Jupiter.

8. Mercury can never rise more than two hours before the sun, nor be above the horizon in the evening more than (a) 2, (b) 4, (c) 6 hours after sunset in the latitudes of the United States.

9. When Mercury is visible in the sky, it shines with the brightness of a star of (a) first, (b) fifth, (c) tenth magnitude.

10. The characteristic coloring of Mercury is (a) yellow, (b) orange, (c) green.

MISSING WORD

(Supply the missing word that will correctly complete the following facts about Mercury. Each word correctly given is worth 5 points.)

1. In size, mode of rotation, lack of _____ and superficial appearance, Mercury resembles most closely the Earth's moon.

2. If Mercury had an atmosphere a gaseous envelope would be visible as a halo at the time of a transit of the planet across the face of the _____.

3. In the course of its journey around the sun, Mercury makes exactly one rotation about its axis. Thus the length of its _____ is equal to the length of its year.

4. Mercury is the _____ moving of all the planets, its speed ranging from 36 miles per second when nearest the sun, to 24 miles per second when farthest away.

5. Observations indicate that Mercury twinkles a bit in the sky, which is unorthodox behavior for a _____.

MATCHING COLUMNS

(In the first column are five astronomical distances pertaining to Mercury. In column two are listed their "equivalents," but in incorrect order. Tag the right number to the right distance and take 3 points for each of the correctly joined terms.)

1. 2160 miles	A. Mean distance from nearest planet
2. 28,566,000 miles	B. Diameter of Mercury
3. 31,200,000 miles	C. Maximum distance from sun
4. 56,900,000 miles	D. Minimum distance from sun
5. 43,355,000 miles	E. Mean distance from Earth

ANSWERS

True-False: 1, true. 2, true. 3, true. 4, false. (Mercury keeps the same face toward the sun, but only because it rotates SLOWLY on its axis.) 5, true. 6, true. 7, false. (Mercury's effect on other planets is barely measurable.) 8, true. 9, false. (Mercury is an evening star in *spring*—morning star in *fall*.) 10, true.

Multiple Choice: 1, a. 2, a. 3, c. 4, b. 5, b. 6, c. 7, a. 8, a. 9, a. 10, b.

Missing Word: 1, atmosphere. 2, sun. 3, day. 4, fastest. 5, planet.

Matching Columns: 1-B. 2-D. 3-A. 4-E. 5-C.

RATINGS

99 to 100—You're as bright as a *Super-Nova!*

75 to 90—You're as bright as Sirius!

60 to 75—You're as bright as a full moon!

0 to 60—You're as bright as the sun during a total eclipse!

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IT WAS EITHER A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY--OR "HUBERT WALKER" WAS THE DISGUISE ASSUMED ON EARTH BY THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM!

I'M INNOCENT, I TELL YOU! HOW COULD I KILL A MAN ON MARS, WHEN NO EARTHMAN HAS EVER BEEN HERE BEFORE?

NEPTUNE MERCURY PLUTO URANUS SATURN

ONE SUMMER EVENING IN THE YEAR 1952, HUBERT WALKER IS HURRYING HOME FROM WORK, WHEN...

PUT UP YOUR HANDS!

WHAT IS THIS--A GAG? YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS--TRYING TO HOLD UP ANYONE IN *THAT* GET UP!

PRIVATE PROPERTY

THERE IS NO NEED TO PRETEND, KAL VAT! I AM THROG KOR OF THE INTER-PLANETARY POLICE! IN THE NAME OF THE *SOLAR WORLDS* I ARREST YOU FOR MURDER! YESTERDAY, AT HIGH NOON IN *MARSOPOLIS*, YOU SHOT AND KILLED GAR TAN!

MYSTERY IN SPACE

FUN'S FUN... BUT THIS IS CARRYING A JOKE TOO FAR! TAKE THOSE HANDCUFFS OFF ME! I NEVER MURDERED ANYONE IN MY LIFE!

YOU DENY KILLING GAR TAN ON MARS YESTERDAY? I SHALL NOTE YOUR DENIAL FOR THE RECORD! NOW TURN--AND MARCH!

SNAP!

AT GUNPOINT WALKER IS FORCED TO WALK ACROSS A FIELD TOWARD A GLITTERING METAL CYLINDER...

A SPACE-SHIP! OKAY, PAL! I'LL CALL YOUR BLUFF! LET'S SEE YOU MAKE IT FLY!

MOMENTS LATER, THE STRANGE SHIP BLASTS OFF...

WE'RE REALLY HEADING INTO SPACE! THIS IS GETTING SERIOUS!

MURDER IS ALWAYS SERIOUS, KAL VAT!

EVERYTHING'S FLOATING IN AIR!*

THAT LAWMAN SURE LOOKS FUNNY WITHOUT HIS-- OOOH! I THINK I'M GETTING SPACE-SICK!

*EDITOR'S NOTE: SINCE THERE IS NO GRAVITY IN SPACE, OBJECTS WITHIN THE SHIP MUST BE ANCHORED FAST, OR FLOAT AROUND...

AND THEN ARTIFICIAL GRAVITY SNAPS ON AND THE REMAINDER OF THE JOURNEY TO MARS IS MADE WITHOUT INCIDENT...

I'M ON MARS! THE FIRST MAN IN ALL EARTH'S HISTORY TO SET FOOT ON ANOTHER PLANET!

DROP YOUR POSE, KAL VAT! WE KNOW YOU FOR THE MOST DANGEROUS CRIMINAL IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM! YOU HAVE FOOLED US OFTEN, BUT THIS TIME THERE CAN BE NO MISTAKE! YOU WILL BE TRIED--SENTENCED AND--EXECUTED!

MYSTERY IN SPACE

...LICE ACTION ON MARS IS SW.FT. WITHIN AN ...UR AFTER LAND-...G, HUBERT ...ALKER IS ...OCESSED FOR TRIAL...

SIZE, FACIAL AND CRANIUM MEASUREMENTS IN ORDER!

THERE IS NO DOUBT, SIR! WE POSITIVELY IDENTIFY THIS MAN AS THE NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL, KAL VAT!

YOU'RE MIS-TAKEN, I TELL YOU! I AM HUBERT WALKER OF EARTH!

INTERROGATION

SOON AFTER, IN THE GREAT COURT OF MARSOPOLIS...

I SHALL ASSIGN YOU A LAWYER! BAHORAS VOG IS A VISITING SATURNIAN. HE WILL ASSUME YOUR DEFENSE!

KAL VAT, YOU MAY SPEAK FREELY TO ME! I AM YOUR COUNSEL. WITHIN THIS FORCE-FIELD CELL, NO ONE CAN OVERHEAR US! WHY DID YOU KILL--

I DIDN'T KILL ANYBODY! I'M INNOCENT!

THIS IS ALL A FRAME-UP! LOOK--HERE ARE MY EARTH CREDENTIALS! DRIVING LICENSE! SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER! HOUSE KEYS! MY BANK BOOK...

THEY'RE NO PROOF AT ALL! FOR A PRICE YOU CAN GET A CLEVER FORGER TO DUPLICATE ANYTHING!

YOU D.D WHAT SO MANY CRIMINALS DO! YOU WENT TO AN OUTLAW ASTEROID, BRIBED PLASTIC SURGEONS TO WORK ON YOU--GROW HAIR ON YOUR HEAD--THEN HID OUT ON EARTH! UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, THROG KOR TRACED YOU! IF YOU WON'T CONFIDE IN ME--I CAN'T SAVE YOU!

B

MYSTERY IN SPACE

THE JURY IS SELECTED. FROM FROZEN NEPTUNE COMES AN ICE DWELLER, FROM MOLTEN MERCURY A SCARLET FIRE-WOMAN, A MINER FROM PLUTO, A GIRL MODEL FROM URANUS, A FARMER FROM SATURN...

NEPTUNE | MERCURY | PLUTO | URANUS | SATURN

THE TRIAL BEGINS WITH THE POLICE REPORT...

KAL VAT IS INTERPLANETARY ENEMY NUMBER ONE! A KILLER A ROBBER, HE HAS ESCAPED PUNISHMENT FOR FIFTEEN YEARS! HE IS BALD, BLUE-EYED...

"THE LIST OF KAL VAT'S CRIMES IS LONG AND ALMOST ENDLESS..."

HE USED THIS **ENERGUN** TO SLAY THREE SATURN AN MARSHALS WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED TO ARREST HIM! WITH SUCH A WEAPON HE COULD KILL A THOUSAND PEOPLE -- AND HE HAS!

"YESTERDAY HE SHOT DOWN GAR TAN IN A TAVERN IN **MARSOPOLIS**. WE HAVE A DOZEN WITNESSES TO PROVE IT..."

ARGHH!

LIES! NOTHING BUT A PACK OF LIES! ANYONE CAN SEE THIS HAIRON MY HEAD IS **REAL**! BUT YOU SAID KAL VAT IS **BALD**!

IN REBUTTAL, THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY SUMMONS AN INHABITANT OF ONE OF THE ASTEROIDS...

YOU PERFORM ILLICIT HEAD OPERATIONS ON THE ASTEROIDS! COULD YOU CHANGE A MAN'S FACE? MAKE HIS HAIR GROW?

YES! A PLASTI-SKIN MASK WITH GROWING HAIR CAN BE GRAFTED ONTO ANYONE'S LIVING SKIN AND BE MADE TO LOOK ENTIRELY DIFFERENT!

COULD THE PLASTISKIN BE MADE TO COVER UP ONLY A HEAD? SO THAT THE FACE REMAINS THE SAME THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BEING THAT NOW HE HAS HAIR?

YES, OF COURSE!

YOUR HONOR, IT'S USELESS TO PROCEED WITH THIS FARCE! MY CLIENT ADMITS HIS GUILT. KAL VAT PLEADS ***GUILTY!***

NO! NO!

KAL VAT, I SENTENCE YOU TO DEATH IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE LAWS OF THE ***SOLAR WORLDS FEDERATION...***

I'M DOOMED! TRAPPED INTO DYING FOR A MURDER I DIDN'T COMMIT!

WAIT, KAL VAT! THERE IS STILL A WAY OUT FOR YOU!

*TAKE THIS **ENERGUN**! YOU CAN KILL A THOUSAND PEOPLE WITH ONE SWEEP OF ITS DEADLY RAYS!* ***SHOOT YOUR WAY OUT!***

FOR A MOMENT, STARK PANIC REIGNS IN THE MARTIAN COURT-ROOM AS WALKER WIELDS THE DEADLY WEAPON...

HE'LL SLAY US ALL!

KAL VAT IS A KILLER!

HAVE YOU GONE MAD, BOHORAS VOG?

TAKE BACK YOUR GUN! I CAN'T DO IT! I COULD NEVER KILL ANYONE -- NOT EVEN TO SAVE MY LIFE!

YOU SEE, YOUR HONOR? HE IS NO MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE *ENERGUN* THAN I AM WITH THE MIDDLE OF THE EARTH! HE EVEN HOLDS IT -- *UP-SIDE DOWN!*

I SUBMIT THAT THIS MAN IS *NOT* KAL VAT! FOR SURELY THE REAL KAL VAT, GIVEN SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY TO ESCAPE, WOULD HAVE TAKEN IT!

A CONVINCING ARGUMENT, BUT...

WAIT! IT'S SUDDENLY BECOME CLEAR TO ME! I KNOW WHO KAL VAT REALLY IS!

IT WAS NO COINCIDENCE THAT THE REAL KAL VAT SELECTED ME OUT OF ALL EARTH'S INHABITANTS! I WAS HIS *DOUBLE* AND WOULD DIE FOR THE CRIMES HE COMMITTED, LEAVING HIM FREE TO SPEND HIS LOOT WITHOUT FEAR OF FURTHER ARREST!

THIS IS KAL VAT -- THE MAN WHO CALLS HIMSELF THROG KOR OF THE INTERPLANET-ARY POLICE! AND SEE -- THE MASK ON HIS FACE REVEALS A FACE EXACTLY LIKE MINE!

RIP!

I FIRST NOTICED HIS BALDNESS WHEN WE WERE COMING TO MARS IN THE SPACE -- SHIP. IN GRAVITY-LESS SPACE HIS WIG WENT FLOATING AROUND THE SHIP! I WAS SURPRISED -- BUT THE TRUTH DIDN'T DAWN ON ME TILL JUST NOW!

TELL ME, BOHORAS VOG! WHAT MADE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND SO SUDDENLY ABOUT YOUR CLIENT'S IDENTITY?

NO MATTER HOW CLEVER THE DOCTORS ARE ON THE ASTEROIDS, THEY CAN'T GROW *REAL* HAIR! I SAW HIS -- DANDRUFF!

THE END

MYSTERIES in SPACE

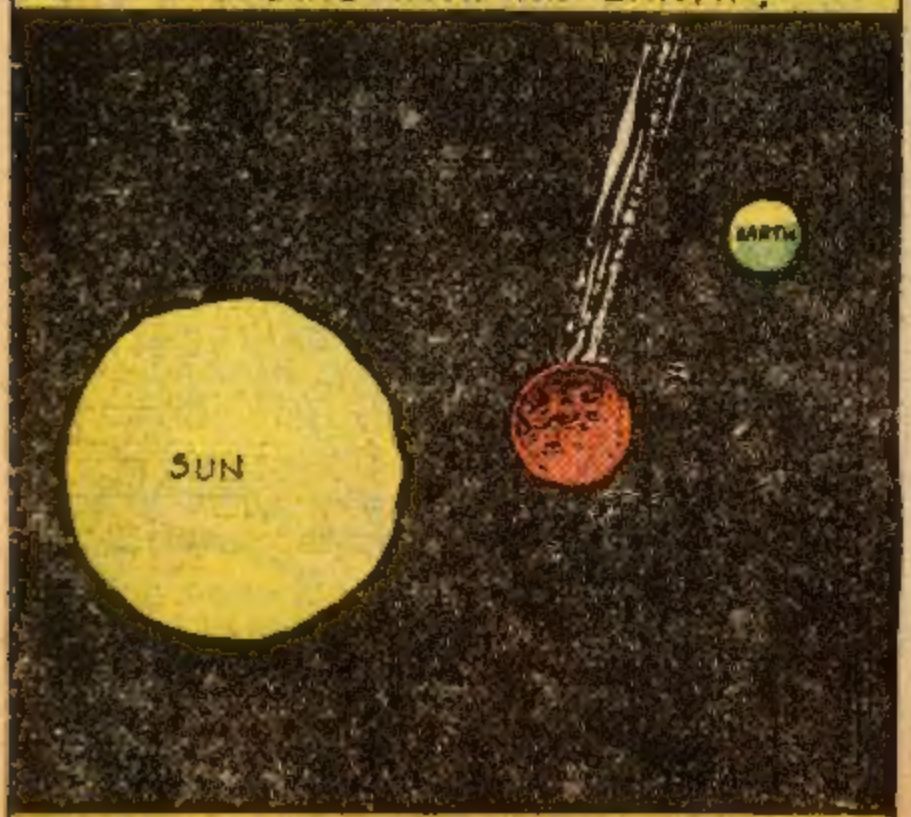
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE MOON EVER APPROACHED CLOSER TO EARTH ?

AT PRESENT THE MOON IS RECEDING FROM EARTH. IT WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO UNTIL ITS PERIOD OF REVOLUTION IS EQUAL TO 47 OF OUR PRESENT DAYS. THE MOON WILL THEN GRADUALLY APPROACH THE EARTH, AND WHEN IT COMES WITHIN **ROCHE'S LIMIT** (TWICE THE EARTH'S RADIUS), IT WILL BE TORN TO PIECES BY TIDAL FORCES AND FORM A RING AROUND OUR WORLD LIKE THOSE OF SATURN...

HOW DOES THE EARTH APPEAR TO AN INHABITANT OF VENUS ?

THE EARTH LOOKS SIX TIMES BRIGHTER THAN VENUS APPEARS TO US, SHINING WITH A BLUISH-WHITE COLOR. IN ADDITION, THE EARTH AND MOON RESEMBLE A DOUBLE PLANET RATHER THAN A PLANET AND ITS SATELITE...

IF A PASSING STAR SHOULD APPROACH OUR SUN WITHIN ONE ASTRONOMICAL UNIT (90,000,000 Miles), WHAT ARE THE CHANCES OF IT COLLIDING WITH THE EARTH ?



THE ODDS ARE 400,000,000 TO ONE OF A CELESTIAL VISITOR HITTING THE EARTH. IT'S ALSO BEEN ESTIMATED THAT THE NUCLEUS OF A COMET SHOULD STRIKE THE EARTH ABOUT ONCE EVERY 80,000,000 YEARS...

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF LIGHT WE RECEIVE FROM ALL THE STARS IN THE SKY, OTHER THAN THE SUN ?

ALL THE STARLIGHT SHINING DOWN ON EARTH IS LESS THAN ONE-HUNDRED-MILLIONTH OF THE SUN'S LIGHT...

"Scram! You SKINNY Scarecrow!

the boys shouted at me ONLY A FEW WEEKS AGO!

"I was a SKINNY, scared, girl-shy skeleton. Now I feel and look great. Pal, do as I did, right **NOW!** Mail the Coupon below.

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Yours, Jobie Jackson Jr.

ARKANSAS

MAN! aren't YOU as SICK and TIRED as I and thousands of MIGHTY JOWETT HE-MEN WERE OF BEING SKINNY?

Then, Come on, Pal, do as they did! Give me 10 Pleasant Minutes a Day and I'll give YOU a **NEW HE-MAN BODY** for your **OLD SKELETON FRAME.**

NO! I don't care how skinny or flabby you are; if you're a teen-ager, in your 20's or 30's or over; if you're short or tall, or what work you do. All I want is to MAKE YOU OVER by the SAME METHOD I turned myself from a wreck to a Champion of Champions.

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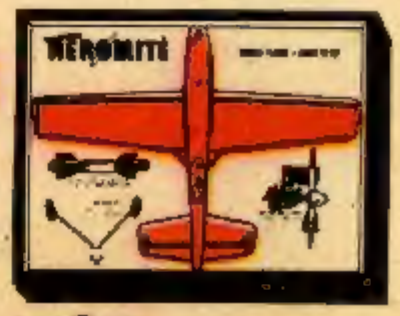

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3. Send as many entries as you wish, but with each entry you must send 5 wrappers from TOOTSIE ROLLS or TOOTSIE POPS

4. This contest is open only to boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 16—and is good only in Continental United States and in compliance with State Laws. Company employees and their families, agency employees and their families, are not eligible.

5. Entries will be judged for originality and sincerity for the particular age group; the youngest child has as much chance as the oldest. In case of ties duplicate prizes will be awarded. Decision of the judges will be final and all entries become the property of The Sweets Company of America, Inc. No entries will be returned

6. CONTEST STARTS AUGUST 1, 1952 and ENDS OCTOBER 15th, so hurry—get your entry in . . . but first read these rules carefully. Entries must be postmarked before midnight, October 15, 1952 and received before midnight October 24, 1952. Winners will be notified by mail as soon as possible following selection of winners by the judges.

CONTEST CLOSES OCTOBER 15, 1952

HURRY! HURRY! SEND IN YOUR ENTRY!